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J. Pasterczyk

Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment of 6/7/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-13 and 15-17.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 8/16/04
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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1. This Office action is in response to the amendment filed 6/7/04.

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR

1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

In the claims: in claim 1, l. 5, change "platinum and tin" to --a platinum compound and a tin compound--; in l. 7 insert --compounds-- after "tin".

In claims 4 and 5, l. 3, insert --compounds-- after "tin".

In claim 8, end l. 1 with --compound--; in l. 2 insert --a-- before "platinum".

In claim 9, l. 1, change "9" to --1; in l. 2 change "chloride" to --compound-- and delete "chloroplatinic acid;".

In claim 10, end l. 1 with --compound--.

In claim 11, l. 5, change "platinum" to --a platinum compound--; in l. 6 change "tin" to --a tin compound--; in l. 10 change "metals" to --compounds--.

In claim 13, end l. 1 with --compound--; in l. 2 delete "chloroplatinic acid;"; in l. 5 insert --compound-- after "tin".

In claim 15, l. 5, change "platinum" to --a platinum compound--; in l. 6 change "tin" to --a tin compound--; in l. 10 change "metals" to --compounds--.

In claim 16, end l. 1 with --compound--; in l. 2 delete "chloroplatinic acid;"; in l. 5 insert --compound-- after "tin".

In claim 17, l. 5, after "as metal," insert --the platinum being present as a platinum compound--; in l. 6 delete "chloroplatinic acid;"; in l. 9 after "as metal," insert --the tin

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being present as a tin compound--; in l. 11 insert a comma after "material" and after "and insert --a--.

3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mark Davis, Esq., on 8/16/04.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: as applicants point out, the prior art used against the present claims is from the same inventive entity, and although 35 USC 102(a) as written allows the two Zoeller references to be prior art, case law has indicated that the phrase "to another" be applied to both clauses of the statute, not just the one, hence both Zoeller references are not applicable as prior art. The above examiner's amendments overcome the remaining formal rejections against the present claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

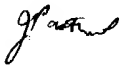
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to J. Pasterczyk whose telephone number is 571-272-1375. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 9 to 5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Bell, can be reached at 571-272-1362. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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